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MEMORANDUM FOR: Assistant Director for Office of Research  
and Reports

FROM : Deputy Director (Plans)

SUBJECT : Russian Mass Drownings of Polish Prisoners in  
the White Sea.

1. Thank you for the book review of the Czapski book, entitled "The Inhuman Land," which I have passed on to [ ] of our Political and Psychological Warfare Staff and also brought to the 25X1A attention of [ ] of our Eastern European Area Division.

2. I believe that you will be interested in the following information which I obtained as the result of mentioning this matter to the Chief Counsel for the Congressional Committee investigating the Katyn Forest incident. The Committee learned of Mr. Czapski and the information which he claims to have had some time ago, and while in Germany taking testimony, they were able to obtain Czapski's appearance before the Committee and to get into the record of the investigation his statements about this mass drowning matter. This will come out in due course in the record of the Committee's investigations into Katyn, and something will be made of it which could be picked up and played by official as well as unofficial propaganda organs and also the press. According to the Chief Counsel for the Committee, Czapski's book is not new. It was brought out some time ago in Europe, but until the publicity came along in connection with the work of the Congressional Committee, there were no publishers in the United States willing to take the chance of bringing out an American edition. The book had a certain circulation in its French edition although it was not at all well known.

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